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CFC kicks off into high gear

by MSgt. Rick Corral
70th IW Public Affairs

Members of the 70th Intelligence Wing, along with folks throughout the United States, are heading full steam into this year's Combined Federal Campaign. The post's campaign kicked off this year at the Post Golf Course during the CFC Kickoff Breakfast September 10. This year's guest speaker was Mr. Larry Walton, president of the United Way of central Maryland.

"Giving through the CFC is an important part of community involvement," said Walton. "The many programs covered by the CFC ensure that those in need will always be able to receive some type of support."

"Giving to the community has always

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Photo by MSgt. Rick Corral

Col. Beatty signs the first CFC allotment slip October 9, kicking off the wing's drive as CFC Key persons Capt. John Dillard and Capt. Sandra Felton look on.

Wing celebrates first retreat, first year

by MSgt. Rick Corral
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More than 200 members of the 70th Intelligence Wing gathered at the National Vigilance Park Aerial Reconnaissance Memorial for the wing's First Anniversary Retreat Ceremony August 16.

The ceremony marked yet another first for the Air Force's newest wing culminating a year filled with the standup, exercises, the realignment with Air Combat Command and wing team building. "It's very fitting that this ceremony takes place here at the National Vigilance Park, a place where we honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom in America's 'Secret War,'" Said Colonel (Brig. Gen. select) John C. Koziol, Eighth Air Force

Vice Commander. "This is a place where we remember those who lost their lives on aerial reconnaissance missions during the



Photo by MSgt. Rick Corral

Colonel Koziol

Cold War era."

"But we are also here to celebrate your first anniversary since becoming the Air Force's newest wing on August 16, 2000," continued Koziol. "For the first time, geographically separated units were brought together under the leadership of one element, and no longer had to operate separately. The stand up of the wing allowed our commanders at the 694th Intelligence Group here at Fort Meade, the 543rd Intelligence Group at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and the 373rd Intelligence Group at Misawa Air Base, Japan, to fight and win every day, every minute, under an improved chain of command."

For that very reason, the senior Air Force leaders directed the establishment of the 70th Intelligence Wing."

70th IW "Commander's Corner"

by Col. Harold J. Beatty
70th Intelligence Wing Commander

The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon September 11th will change this nation forever and are the focus of this Commander's Corner. Although the Air Force's 54th birthday, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and the Wing's First Annual Air Force Ball all took place without incident, all wing personnel must remember that vigilance, now more than ever, must be a part of our everyday routines.

As members of the 70th Intelligence Wing, I know that your commitment to the mission, no matter what the job, is the key to providing the warfighter the tools needed to root out the terrorists from their hiding places. In a recent message from Air Intelligence Agency commander, Major Gen. Bruce Wright, he stated, "Your commitment, your professionalism, your almost unbelievable technical and language skills, and your selflessness inspire all who know you and understand our mission. You have already shown the courage, motivation and commitment that are founded on being citizens of the greatest free democracy in world history, and those values will

always triumph against the forces and influence of fanatics and self-promoting demagogues. Our 'new' war will not be a religious war, but we will carry the message that America is committed to freedom of religion and freedom to seek spiritual growth that raises us all to be more loving, productive, empowering human beings who will build an enduring peaceful world". I cannot say it any better.

Since September 11th, we have worked long, tireless hours to ensure that not only the wing, but our family and all Americans, are able to continue to live in peace. These jobs, often completed with little or no fanfare, are accomplished around the clock for warfighters and other customers around the world. Even with this extended schedule, we must make the time to recognize our coworkers, promote our people and enjoy time off with friends and family.

I know I share with many of you the emotion of not knowing what's going to happen. But I can assure you that what we do everyday does make a difference. We can't erase what happened September 11th, but we can help prevent the horrific events of that



Col. Harold J. Beatty

day from being repeated.

As we move into the Fall season, I want each of you to know that every single wing member makes a difference. Our lifestyle as we have come to know it is forever changed, and we can't afford to risk similar events from happening again by letting our guard down. Safety, more than ever, should be on everyone's minds. Take the time to think as you drive, shop, celebrate or just enjoy your time off. These are going to be challenging times, but as we stick to the fight, we will see the light at the end of the tunnel, and it shines on the greatest country in the world—the United States of America.

Commander's Action Line

The Commander's Action Line is your direct link to the 70th Intelligence Wing Commander -- Use it wisely!

This will be the location for the new Commander's Action Line column. An action line is a monthly column designed to address the questions and concerns of members of the 70th

Intelligence Wing.

The column is intended as a forum to support individual concerns and should be used in conjunction with the "Chain of Command," Inspector General, Chaplain, or

other professional means. Action items can be brought into the PA office in building 9805 room 212, e-mailed to Richard.corral@ft-meade.af.mil or the "Hot" button on the 70th web page.



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“Cover the Bases & Strike Out Fire”

This year's Fire Prevention Week was held during the week of October 7-13. Although this week is traditional with a theme and week-long celebration, the importance of the message is one that should be repeated all year long. This year's theme is “Cover the Bases & Strike Out Fire”

For many, the thought of a house fire is the last thing on their mind during the upcoming holiday season. This year may be especially true as we also focus more attention toward the recent terrorists attacks and news coverage. Still, find the time to make or keep your home “Fire Safe” by learning a bit of fire prevention history and safety tips.

- The history of Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, but lasted 27 hours and incurred the most damage the following day. As a result, October 9, 1871, is the date most often connected with the tragic conflagration.
- FPW 2001 combines America's favorite pastime with important fire safety tips to teach children and their families how they can “cover the bases” to “strike out” preventable home fires.

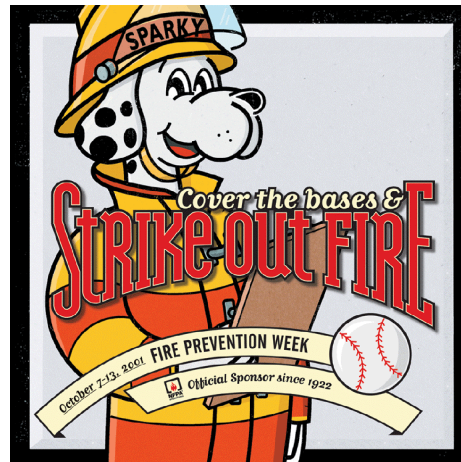
Sprinting for First - Kitchen Safety

- On average, there are 91,700 reported home fires each year associated with cooking equipment, killing 327 people and injuring 4,607.
- Cooking fires are the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
- Three in every 10 reported home fires start in the kitchen – that's more than any other place in the home.

Heading for Second - Heating Safety

- On average, there are 59,100 reported home fires per year associated with heating equipment, killing 468 people and injuring 1,592.
- Heating fires are second leading cause of home fires. During the months of December, January, and February, heating is the leading cause of home fires.
- Most heating fires involve space heaters, not central furnaces.

- Space heaters need space, at least three feet (one meter) away from anything that can burn
- Portable space heaters should be turned off every time you leave the room or go to sleep
- Have a sturdy screen on your fireplace, a metal screen or built-in glass doors
- Reminder on EAFB you must have a letter signed by the facility manager to have a portable heater.



Rounding Third - Electrical Safety

- On average there are 38,400 home fires per year associated with wiring, switches, outlets, cords and plugs, fuse and circuit breaker boxes, and other equipment involved in distributing electricity around the home. These electrical service equipment fires annually kill 352 people and injure 1,343 annually.
- Fixed wiring causes 1/3 of home electrical distribution fires.
- Cords and plugs cause 1/6 of home electrical distribution fires and 1/3 of related deaths. In many cases, people can easily check and fix them, if necessary, without a licensed electrician.
- Each year, electrical shock (not resulting in a fire) causes hundreds of burn deaths and thousands of burn injuries.
- Nearly 2/3 of electrical burn injuries among children ages 12 and under are associated with household electrical cords and extension cords.

- Replace or repair any electrical device with a loose or frayed cord
- Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets
- In homes with small children, electrical outlets should have plastic safety covers
- Avoid the use of “cube taps” and other devices that allow the connection of multiple appliances into a single receptacle.
- Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn.

Home Plate - The Basics

- In the United States and Canada, a home fire is reported to a fire department roughly every 75 seconds, killing 350 people and injuring more than 1,300.
 - Eighty percent of all U.S. fire deaths occur in the home.
 - Someone is killed in a home fire in the United States and Canada roughly every 3 hours.
 - Smoke alarms are the most effective early warning device available. Having a smoke alarm in your home cuts your chance of dying in a fire nearly in half!
- Safety Advice**
- Install at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home and in or near all sleeping areas
 - Smoke alarms should be tested once a month and batteries replaced once a year or when the alarm beeps, warning that the battery is low
 - Every household should develop and practice a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place
- Prepare Your Home Evacuation Plan**
- Have a written Plan
 - Know how to escape
 - Have more than one escape route
 - Know where to meet
 - Where to call 911 from (Not from inside the house on fire)

For more information about Fire Prevention, contact your local fire department or visit the National Fire Prevention Association web site at <http://www.nfpa.org/Home/index.asp> or contact Mr. James Trapp, 70 IW/ Safety and Occupational Health Manager.

'By law' may not mean what you think

by Capt Kurt Springer
70IW Chief of Civil Law

Everyone has an opportunity to decide who will inherit his or her property. This is accomplished through a will. A person dying with a will is said to have died testate; those dying without wills are said to have died intestate.

Most but not all of a person's assets will pass through the will, provided he or she has had the foresight to have one executed. However, the proceeds of life insurance and Individual Retirement Accounts, for example, do not pass through the will but instead pass to beneficiaries named in filling out the paperwork to establish those policies and accounts.

It is important to be as specific as possible when completing a will or beneficiary election form. If a member fails to prepare a will or leaves any gaps in naming beneficiaries, state law will fill in these gaps. States have intestacy statutes designed for this purpose.

However, these state statutes are all different. Members are strongly cautioned about writing "by law" when completing the SGLI or any other beneficiary election form.

Although it may save time and make the other person's job easier in basic or officer training, for the individual filling out the form, it is probably not the best thing to do. By doing so or by dying without a will, the member essentially adopts the distribution scheme as set forth in the state intestacy statute. Seldom, if ever, will this distribution scheme completely match the member's wishes regarding the distribution of his or her estate.

The only way anyone can control this process is by specifically naming beneficiaries and by having a will prepared and executed.

The fact that you are living in Maryland does not mean that Maryland law will govern. The law of the state of which you are a legal resident will govern the distribution of your

estate if you have failed to do so. Although each of the states has very different and unique statutes that are controlling, they all make certain assumptions that may not be consistent with your wishes.

Do you know what your state intestacy statute provides? Have you either failed to prepare a will or elected "by law" distribution on your beneficiary election forms? You can end the uncertainty simply by making an appointment with the legal office at 301-677-0658.

Creating a will is a relatively easy process. First, an appointment will have to be made with a legal assistance attorney. We have recently changed our legal assistance hours to Tuesdays, 8-11 a.m. and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. You will then need to come back on a Friday at 9:30 a.m. to execute the will.

That's a minimal investment of time to ensure that your estate is distributed to your loved ones in accordance with your wishes and not according to some state's default, one-size-fits-all plan.

Career Corner

Do we really need to ask?

By MSgt. Peter Rich
70th IW/Career Assistance Advisor

As this country emerges from the smoke and ashes of the most horrific act of terrorism to reach American soil, an incredible sense of pride and patriotism permeates throughout the land.

A call to duty echoes from the rubble of what was once a standing symbol of American enterprise overlooking New York City to the penetrating wound at the center of our military leadership at the Pentagon. From coast to coast, across the great plains; from valley to majestic mountains, Americans are standing tall, ready to take action.

As men and women serving this great nation we should stand even taller

knowing that we are the ones who are looked upon to deliver justice to the perpetrators of this heinous attack. We will all be called to respond. We all must play a part, whether to deploy forward to strike at the heart of the terrorists, or to remain at home and support the efforts from afar. Sacrifices must be made, some small, some great, but sacrifice is an integral part of military service. It is what sets us apart from other professions.

The words from the oath of enlistment were never more poignant than they are today...

"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic..."



If you are contemplating reenlisting in the Air Force, ponder these words and recall the scenes of destruction in the heart of New York and the Pentagon. If you feel a tug deep inside your heart then do we really need to ask? **STAY IN THE FIGHT ... STAY BLUE!**

Reenlistment in the United States Air Force is a great act of service. It is a sign of recommitment and rededication to the defense of our great nation. Do not take this act lightly. You stand as an example for others to follow. Therefore, consider making your reenlistment a memorable moment for all to see.

Those who recently participated in the reenlistment ceremony at the Pentagon will forever hold that event as one of the most memorable events of their careers. Make yourself a moment to remember. Make your reenlistment something special. If you need ideas, give me a call.

Wing honors fallen Cold War heroes

by SSgt. Kristina Brown
70 IW Public Affairs

The 70th Intelligence Wing hosted the annual C-130 Rededication Ceremony Aug. 30 at National Vigilance Park here. Col. Michael R. Rogers, 694th Intelligence Group commander, presided over the ceremony.

Guest speakers included retired senior master sergeant Larry Tart, who served 21 years in the Air Force Security Service as a Russian cryptologic linguist and who played a major role in creating the memorial before co-writing his recently published book, *The Price of Vigilance*, which pays tribute to the courage and patriotism of our many fallen comrades; and Mr. John Simpson, Jr., son of 1st Lt. John Simpson who was the co-pilot on the

downed C-130 honored by the memorial.

Four years ago, the 694th Intelligence Group, with the support of the National Security Agency, Maryland Air National Guard, Fort Meade Garrison and other national groups, spearheaded the acquisition of a C-130 and the creation of a memorial park here.

The memorial was created to honor a reconnaissance-configured C-130 aircraft, tail number 60258, shot down during the Cold War era. This C-130 was the first ever lost to hostile fire, and the memorial was the first to highlight Cold War service and sacrifice.

The retired C-130 was reclaimed from storage at the Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration



Photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown

Tart, TSgt. Mitchell Ross, 694 IG Honor Guard, and Col. Rogers pay tribute to fallen comrades.

Center, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. It was refurbished by Raytheon/E-Systems in Greenville, Texas, to look exactly like the aircraft lost 43 years ago.

After it was refurbished, a crew from the 40th Flight Test Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla., flew the C-130 on its final flight to Fort Meade's Tipton Army Airfield.

The refurbished C-130 now serves as the centerpiece of the National Vigilance Park, surrounded by eighteen trees, which form a backdrop symbolizing the 18 types of reconnaissance aircraft lost during the Cold War.

In the case of aircraft number 60258, while on a routine flight along the Turkish Armenia border

Sept. 2, 1958, it strayed into Soviet airspace and was shot down by Defense MiG-17 jet fighters. Seventeen crewmembers lost their lives on that mission.

In addition to the six USAFE crewmembers from the 7406th Support Squadron, based at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, 11 operators from the USAF Security Service were on board to conduct a reconnaissance mission.

Now, the tradition of having a yearly rededication ceremony is to honor those lost crewmembers yearly, as well as to honor the vigilance of the rest of the reconnaissance crews who maintained watch during the Cold War -- all in the name of freedom.



Photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown

Col. Rogers speaks at the C-130 re-dedication ceremony.

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been a big part of the 'American Spirit,'" said Colonel Harold J. Beatty, 70 IW commander. "That is obvious by the generosity shown since the recent terrorist attacks. I know that our wing will step up and do what's right, whether it's giving to the relief and rescue funds or to another worthy charity."

The wing CFC campaign began October 9 and will run through November 8. Attached is a list of unit CFC representatives:

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Where are those alligators?

by Maj. Ted Henrich
70 IW/Executive Officer

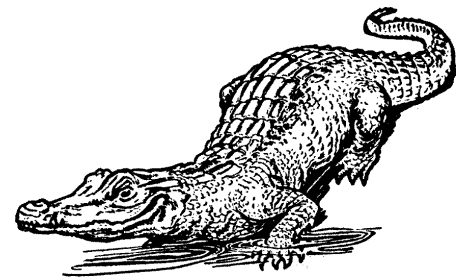
The 70th Intelligence Wing Senior Staff held the First Annual 70 IW Off-Site at Langley Air Force Base, Va. from Aug. 27-30. The purpose of this off-site was to engage in constituting the wing through strategic planning and exposure to our new command — Air Combat Command (ACC) — and its unique warfighting mission.

For those who have not had the privilege of doing strategic planning with our commander, Col. Harold J. Beatty, he has an amazingly clear and concise way of describing the effort. To properly do strategic planning we need to identify the alligators in the boat (i.e., immediate areas that need attention or very bad things will happen), the alligators circling the boat (i.e., issues that could become problems soon), and the alligators on the shore (i.e., issues that may become problems somewhere down the road). Consensus was that the two main priorities of the wing for the next year are National-Tactical Integration (NTI)/Cryptologic Transformation (CT) and the realignment of two new squadrons under the

373d Intelligence Group. Simply stated, everything the wing does in the next year must support our corporate goals and these two priorities to ensure wing success. Each member of the Senior Staff presented their progress during the first year, their “way-ahead” for the next year, and any necessary resources needed to accomplish their objectives. By listing each staff’s objectives and resource needs, the wing is in good shape to prioritize effort and resources for the next year.

The ACC briefings and tours were exceptional and clearly showed where the 70 IW mission will play a part in enhancing the ACC warfighting mission. We received the following briefings: ACC mission briefing, Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) —X, Predictive Battlespace Awareness, Distributed Ground Station (DGS) —1, 480th Intelligence Group mission briefing, and the 1st Fighter Wing’s intelligence mission briefing. Also, we got the opportunity to pet an F-15 and smell real jet fuel. It was never clearer that the 70 IW is now part of something larger than national SIGINT. We are now part of something very real and warfighter mission focused.

It was widely felt by the Senior Staff that the entire wing would benefit from getting the same briefings and tours. Realizing this is not practical, we are doing the next best thing ... an UNCLASSIFIED CD with all UNCLAS briefings will be provided to each wing staff office and group to be used as part of initial and recurring training/orientation. In addition, we will also attempt to acquire the classified briefings and load them on the appropriate network server. This off-site was an essential step in constituting the wing and will become an annual event. Stay tuned for more information at a theater near you...



Air Force won’t repeat past mistakes of strategy

by Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force’s top officials pledged Sept. 17 that the service would not repeat the mistakes of strategy that led to the nation’s greatest single loss of life on a battlefield — a battle which took place more than a century ago.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper made their remarks during an Air Force re-enlistment ceremony at the Pentagon. Fifty-four airmen took part in the ceremony, symbolizing the service’s 54th birthday.

“I don’t think you could have picked a more momentous time to re-enlist,” Roche said. “Today marks the 139th anniversary of the (Civil War) battle of Antietam. What’s interesting about that battle that’s timely for today is it remains the greatest single loss of American life in battle.” Of the roughly 23,000 casualties, about 3,000 Americans lost their lives. Many of those losses were because of mistakes in leadership.

“It was an example of not understand-

ing the technology of war,” Roche said. “War had changed, but the leaders didn’t know how to adapt to new technology. They didn’t know how to adapt to how war had to be fought (in those conditions) compared to the way they’d always done it.”

Roche said that the terrorist attacks Sept. 11 were a wake-up call to America’s military of today.

“It’s a signal that war in the future will not be like war in the past,” Roche said. “But unlike the officers of Antietam, this Air Force is open. It’s willing to listen. It believes in challenging up and recognizes that many of you are the key to our future.”

Roche said Air Force leadership needs to rethink how aerospace power will affect the future of war — a war that is protracted, and one where there’s no other air force to take on.

“There is no canopy-to-canopy thinking,” he said. Noting the Air Force’s relatively short history compared to America’s other armed forces, Jumper reflected upon the service’s

heroic past.

“We’ve made our mark,” he said. “We grew up with heroes — astronauts, aces and Medal of Honor winners. And we have our heroes from the 11th of September.”

Those heroes include Air Force Reserve Maj. Leroy Homer, a pilot aboard hijacked United Airlines Flight 93.

“We know there was a struggle aboard that aircraft,” Jumper said. “We like to think that people in uniform tried to retake control of that aircraft and save many more lives on the ground.

“Those heroes, and the heroes who gave their lives in (the Pentagon), the World Trade Center, the firefighters and policemen, are all with (us) today,” he said.

“They are waiting to judge our actions. Will they be worthy of the sacrifices that have been made? Not for retribution or revenge, but for justice — justice that’s borne of a righteous cause.

“As the president of the United States said, ‘this is not for the short-term, but the long-term,’” Jumper said. “The heroes that are (here) today will approve.”

AFPC activates Stop-Loss Control Center

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Officials here set up a control center that can explain Stop-Loss that applies to the nearly 11,000 people previously approved to retire or separate from active duty between Oct. 2 and April 30.

Experts at the Stop-Loss Control Center are answering questions about retirements and separations for personnel flights, commanders and individuals who have specific Stop-Loss questions.

Stop-Loss, which became effective Oct. 2, gives military service secretaries authority to keep on active-duty people who would normally be planning to retire or leave the service.

More than 11,000 people have received approved separation or retirement dates between Oct. 2 and April 30, officials said. There are 926 officers and 4,593 enlisted people with approved retirement dates that are now held by Stop-Loss action; and 1,256 officers and 4,741 enlisted who have approved separation dates through the end of April.

Those numbers may include some who are exempt from Stop-Loss as previously announced.

"So far, the attitude of the callers is impressive — we're not hearing from a lot of angry people," said Master Sgt. Mike Potter, AFPC superintendent of retirements. "People are concerned, but not angry."

AFPC's separations branch primary role is to assist and advise major commands' personnel staffs and military personnel flights in the execution of the Stop-Loss program, said Lt. Col. Rich Binger, AFPC separations branch chief.

"But we are also here to help those affected by Stop Loss," he said. "We will work hand-in-hand with the (military personnel flight) retirements and separations sections to help people get the answers they need."

Local personnel flights will continue processing retirements and separations actions and are the first place to turn for those with Stop-Loss questions, Binger said.

At first, people in every Air Force

specialty code are prevented from leaving active duty in this Stop-Loss action, Binger said.

During the first 30 days, major command, personnel officials and career field managers are matching warfighting needs with the possibility that some career field Stop-Loss restrictions could be lifted.

"But, obviously, operational needs will be the first priority," Binger said.

Waiver applications are also being accepted and will be evaluated individually by MAJCOM commanders, according to officials.

Some of those already far enough along in the process of leaving the Air Force are being allowed to outprocess.

"We learned a lot from our Kosovo Stop Loss effort," said Lt. Col. Michael Maloney, AFPC retirements and separations division chief. "We've tried, this time, to address a lot of the issues that came up last time right up front."

Although all new departures from the Air Force are on hold, there are exemptions for people serving an overseas unaccompanied assignment where the tour length is 15 months or less, and who will retire or

separate upon tour completion.

Other categories of people exempt are those undergoing involuntary discharge, or mandatory separation or retirement because of disabilities or hardships, officials said.

So far, Stop-Loss will not affect promotions, permanent change-of-station moves or training class schedules, officials said.

"Every effort will be made to ensure that once Stop-Loss ends, everyone has the flexibility in making the transition to civilian life," Maloney said.

This is the first time since the air war over Kosovo that this emergency authority has been implemented.

Based on the numerous calls received thus far, the control center staff has put together a frequently asked questions Web page on the AFPC Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

Military personnel flights or commander's support staffs, as well as interested individuals, can reach the control center at (210) 565-2374 or DSN 665-2374 daily 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., CDT. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Recommitted , Rededicated...Reenlisted !



Eleven of 54 airmen who took part in a special re-enlistment ceremony at the Pentagon, symbolizing the service's 54th birthday Sept. 18, were from the 70th Intelligence Wing. The event was presided over by Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force (Photo by MSgt Rick Corral)



70th Intelligence Wing Air Force Ball



“New Beginnings: Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Future”



▲ A1C Lara Hatfield, 91st Intelligence Squadron, lights the candles at the POW/MIA table.

▶ Col. John Koziol, 8th Air Force vice commander, speaks as the guest speaker for the event.

▼ The crowd takes to the dance floor for the “Electric Slide.”



Photos by SSgt. Kristina Brown



▲ (Top photo) Col. Harold J. Beatty, 70th Intelligence Wing commander, and AB Brandon Whitesock, Defense Information School still photography student, cut the Air Force's 54th birthday cake as the two members in attendance with the most and least time in service.

▲ The Air Force Strolling Strings perform during dinner.

